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THE CITY WATER SUPPLY.

The water situation in Bryan is far from satisfactory. Not as to quantity, but as to quality. The three shallow wells comprising the original water supply, are as fine for drinking, cooking, washing or other purposes as could be found in all Texas, but the deep well, sunk to give the city an inexhaustible supply, is fierce beyond our power of description. The taste of the water from this well is worse than wormwood and gall, figuratively speaking, as we never had the pleasure of sampling this choice concoction which seems to have been popular in olden times. Using more familiar ingredients to arrive at an idea of its taste, it occurs to us that the following would about describe it: A mixture of Epsom salts, Arm and Hammer baking soda, K. C. baking powder, alum, nitroglycerin and rough on rats, well shaken before taking.

In all earnestness we believe this deep well water is seriously detrimental to the public health, and especially to children. We have our reasons for so believing and they are not altogether hearsay testimony either, as they say in court. It has made us sicker than a horse, and you know a right sick horse is real ailing. We have also heard many others, people whose testimony would be good before a jury without corroboration, say the same thing. Rice boiled 'n it looks like a mess of Paris seen served with tartar sauce.

In philosophy we have what is called reasoning by analogy—from things near we judge things remote, of things visible, of things invisible. So when we see what the deep well does to a bowl of rice, it is not difficult to imagine what it does to a fellow's "innards."

Ordinarily the three shallow wells will furnish sufficient water for all purposes and it is not necessary to pump the deep well, but with the gas running and the vast amount being used by the building and paving operations it makes it necessary to pump them all.

There is really a proposition and a difficult one confronting the city council. We cannot go on this way. The people cannot drink this deep well water. How to remedy it is the question. A system of filtration might solve it; if not, then some plan will have to be devised whereby the two can be used separately.

The forty-first session of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas will be inaugurated with proper opening exercises beginning at 10 o'clock on the morning of September 29. In his announcement of this date President W. B. Bizzell of that institution takes occasion to say that the prospects for attendance this year are exceedingly bright and he expects the total registrations to far surpass those of any past session of this school. This is as it should be. Texas is an agricultural State. There will come no time in the life of this generation when the soil and its products will not be the most important assets we have. And the young man who desires to make the most of these natural advantages will find the Agricultural and Mechanical College his greatest source of help and knowledge. The State is now providing that institution with buildings and other improvements which will render it capable of serving the youth of the State as it has not been able to do. Our policy of parsimony with respect to this school has ceased. Texas has at last realized the debt she owes to agriculture and to the Agricultural and Mechanical College—and she is paying it ungrudgingly.—Houston Post.

And there is no need in Texas for another of the same kind either. One institution thoroughly equipped and properly supported will be of greater good to the State than two that are half starved and living from hand to mouth.

Bell county has many girls of whom her people are proud, but to Miss

Josie Wilson that county awards the laurels in the home economics field for her achievements in tomato growing and canning club work. From one-tenth of an acre of land which she cultivated herself Miss Wilson gathered over 600 pounds of tomatoes. The entire product was consumed on the family table, sold or preserved. In her canning club work this young woman put up 169 jars of fruits and vegetables of a value if bought at retail from the stores of nearly \$150. The Post does not often have occasion to mention a Texas girl in these editorial columns; but the work of Miss Wilson is of so much value to herself, her home, her county and to Texas, that it is a pleasure to call especial attention to her success in the hope that other girls in this State will take up work similar to that recounted above. The boys and girls who are engaged in it are some day going to make Texas independent—and rich.—Houston Post.

The above record is fine and Miss Wilson is entitled to great praise for her work. Brazos county, however, has a girl who has the above record beat a mile. The Eagle will publish it just as soon as all the data can be secured.

Carranza himself, and the Carranza commission negotiating with a similar body appointed by President Wilson, are demanding the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. They lay down the proposition that this is necessary before any progress can be made along other lines. The Eagle stated when the danger of a clash with Mexico was first averted, that the punitive expedition had served its purpose and should be withdrawn. It could have been done then in good grace. The simple announcement that it had served its purpose would have been sufficient. To withdraw the troops now, which we will be compelled to do, will look like we are yielding to Mexican demands whether we are or not, and will have a corresponding bad effect on Mexico and also place us in a false light before the rest of the world.

The opening of the public schools this morning was never under more flattering auspices. The only thing to be regretted was that the High School had to open in the same old antiquated, out of date, inadequate building that has been doing duty for nearly forty years. Some day perhaps the people of Bryan will wake up and give the children of the city the kind of building to which they are entitled.

Our merchants certainly have the goods and The Eagle cannot see why it is necessary for a single dollar to go out of town for goods. People who live here and make their living here, and yet do not feel that the goods carried by the home merchants are good enough for them, should move to the city where they are good enough.

The criminal docket was taken up in the district court this morning, but The Eagle learns the criminal business will be very light. The grand jury in its report said crime was decreasing in the county, which is a matter of congratulation for all.

The whole country, irrespective of party affiliation, sympathizes with the President in the death of his only sister.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE WAY

Travel over local railroads entering Bryan is now very heavy. City Ticket Agent Stuart Harris reported this morning that he had the biggest day Saturday that he had had this year from the standpoint of number of tickets sold, the number being 169. A large per cent of the traffic is colored and the crowds that throng around the stations at train time would lead one to believe that he was at a union station in some large city.

The various churches of the city were filled to overflowing yesterday. All the ministers in the city were present and preached good sermons. If you did not attend you missed a treat. The students of the various schools in the city helped to swell the crowds and things looked as though a real revival spirit had struck the city.

The Allen Academy management reports almost a 50 per cent increase in attendance over last year. The Bryan Baptist Academy is almost filled to its fullest capacity. Villa Maria Academy has a very fine attendance and the city public schools have the largest enrollment in their history. Doesn't that sound good to everybody? Now with all these strange young people in our midst let's not forget to set an example that we would like set for our children if they



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were away and among strangers. Do all you possibly can to make the young people feel welcome.

The completion of College avenue has now been taken up in real earnest. Manager Levinson of the Bryan & College Interurban has a large new force of workmen busy this morning lowering and straightening out the car track. The Kaw Paving Company has the big asphalt plant doing full time making "dope" for the top pavement of the east side of this popular thoroughfare and activities out this way are very much in evidence. Mr. Levinson announced this morning that with fair weather and the crew that he now has at work, his track will be completed within about ten days. The concrete machine which is laying the base for the pavement of the west side of this street is now operating near the city limits, coming towards town, and Mr. Vance says that they will stay far enough ahead of the finishing crew that the work can progress without further delay. The excavating work for the paving on Bryan avenue south of Twenty-eighth street is also in progress and Messrs. Steagall and Jarrett will start this week putting in the curb and gutter work.

Merchants report a very flourishing business Saturday. A good big crowd was here and everybody had plenty of money. We venture to say that when the statements of the various banks of the city are made this week that Bryan will be right in the lead on deposits among cities in her class all over the Southwest. Fifteen cent cotton makes lots of money and keeps everybody feeling good.

The man who doesn't know himself is easily fooled.

CIVIL ENGINEERS IN GREAT DEMAND

A. and M. College is Swamped by Applications for Men—Building Activity the Cause.

Unprecedented building activity throughout the Southwest, and Texas generally, is indicated by the exceptionally heavy demand for engineers, civil, electrical and mechanical—being made of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas. In the past two days Dean D. W. Spence of the school of engineering has received requests for 18 civil engineers.

Five men are needed by the Santa Fe railway system at Galveston for valuation work. One request comes from Durant, Ok., for road engineers. Six men are wanted for levee work in North Texas and the Oregon Short Line, headquarters Pocatello, Idaho, has asked for six civil engineers.

"We have been literally swamped with requests for men for the past two months," said Dean Spence today. "Every man who has finished at the college is engaged and I have at least fifty applications with opportunity for advancement that I cannot fill."

All of the 68 engineers who graduated last June at the college have good positions.

Unusual expansion in construction in engineering lines is indicated by the large demand for men. All of those who are asking for graduates from the Agricultural and Mechanical college have worked men from that institution.

CHAMPION POTATO.

Pete Konecny, who lives on 24th street, sent to The Eagle office this afternoon the champion sweet potato of the season, or any other season, for that matter. It weighed 8½ pounds and was shaped and looked like the mines the warring nations have planted in European waters. The potato was grown in his garden here in town.

DINING ROOM SHOWER.

Because of the large attendance at the Bryan Baptist Academy, more table space in the dining room is made absolutely necessary. For this reason and to help out the situation, the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society will give a dining room shower tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Webb Howell. All Baptists are urged to attend and all others who care to come will be welcome. Table linens or dishes will be acceptably received.

FOOTBALL DOPE.

A. and M. Captain Arrives and Grid-Iron Quotations Pick Up.

With the arrival today of Captain "Dough" Rollins of the 1916 football squad at A. and M. College pigskin stock took a sudden rise at the college. Rollins has been engaged in civil engineering work on the Medina river and is in splendid condition, having lived out of doors all summer. Student Manager Otto Zedler also arrived today and the two, with Director Driver, are making preparations for the arrival of the squad the latter part of this week.

Coaches Harlan and Graves will arrive Friday and the football men will come in Saturday. Workouts will begin Monday afternoon.

"We are going to have a good team this season unless some unforeseen obstacle arises," Rollins told enthusiasts here today. "The big bulk of our last year's team will be back, there will be three or four dependable men from teams of by-gone days, and I look for a flock of freshman material. Of course the first year men will do us little good this fall, but look out for the next season."

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BETTIE WALES HAS COME TO TOWN.

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ROBERT SIMMONS READ.

The angel of death hovered close to earth Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock and carried the soul of little Robert Simmons Reed back unto heaven from whence it came three months and one day before. Robert Simmons was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reed of Houston, who were in this city visiting Mrs. Reed's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hensarling, and other relatives. The child became ill and an operation was necessary. About three hours after the operation the little fellow, whose constitution could not stand the shock, was relieved from his intense suffering by the death angel, who was so gracious and good as to carry him home. The funeral services were held yesterday morning at Steep Hollow Cemetery, Rev. A. T. Coleman of this city conducting the funeral services. The heart-broken parents and other relatives have the deep sympathy of many friends in their great sorrow.

Men Don't Change Much.

"Oh, grandma," exclaimed little Doris, who had been rummaging through an old bureau drawer in the attic, "what a curious looking key this is!"

"Yes, dear," replied her grandmother. "That was your grandfather's latchkey."

"And you keep it in memory of the old days?"

"No, my dear. In memory of the old nights."

Rather Startling.

The ship's officer was talking to the inquisitive old lady who was making her first sea trip.

"There goes eight bells," he said. "Excuse me, it is my watch below."

"Mercy on us!" exclaimed the woman. "Does your watch strike as loud as all that?"

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